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YU'ZD OR UNYU'ZD STAMPS.

Qér ár meni kolekturz ov postej stamps hú wil not hav in aér kolekçunz eni hwic hav bin yázd, konsiderinç ae kanseléçunz a disfigurment tu aér apírans. Tu aóz hú hav unlimited mínz, aís plan iz wel enuf, for aé kan obtén aem in sets from sc kuntri, and hwen prop urli mounted, aé wil mék a veri fain apírans.

Tu aóz hú hav adopted aís meáud, wí wud speçalí rekoment our timbrofilets, as aé prizerv ae gum intakt, and if nesesari aé kan bý cénjd tu anuaur album wiçout injuri, hwail aóz hwic ár furmli pésted in kanot bý transfurd wiçout sókiq, hwic flatnz ól embost stamps or envelops. De gumd slips wí hav sín yázd in Yúrup at ce top ov ae stamps, ár fáur tú lús tu hóld aem in plés, or els adhír só furmli az tu rikwair hot wòtur tu get aem óf.

In mëkiq a kolekçun ov unyúzd stamps, unles veri gré kér iz tékn aé wil not apír az wel az yázd wunz. Ól wí hav sín had inkomplít sets, hwic aó but litl detriment tu a kanseld kolekçun, çó veri pléni in wun ov unyúzd stamps. Unles ae stamps ár prizervd wiç ae grétest kér wiç aí orijinal gum az aé wer obténd from ae póst ofis, ae ejez ár laiabl tu bikum soild, and ae slaitest fingur märks giv ae hól a woçt apírans.

Anuaur objekçun iz ae gré ekspens ov a ríali fain kólekçun ov perfekt stamps, numburinç az aé dú upwardz ov 3000 varaiitiz, hwic wud rikwair at list from \$2000 to \$3000; dat ov Mr. Filbrik, ov Ingland, wí prizum tu bý wurr about \$5000, hwail in a kanseld kolekçun perfekçun iz not ekspekted, ívn a smól numbur luks wel, and wun ov 3000 stamps kud bý méd up for about \$1000.

De grétest disapointment ov ól tu aóz hú hav put nü stamps in aér kolekçunz, for de lást tú or ari yírz, iz ae numbur ov stamps hwic hav bin ríprinted, or ov hwic ae surplus stok haz bin soild tu dílurz for a nominal prais. De hai praisez hwic ár péd for nü stamps wil ólwæz bý a gré indúsmennt tu Póst ofis ónoritiz tu ríalaiz a profit in aís wé; but tu aóz hú hav péd from tú tu faiv taimz aér fés valyu for orijinalz, it iz ekstrímlí vekséçus tu sí ae sém stamps ofcrd in unlimited kwontitiz at les dan kost.

Qér ár but fú hú wud purçes ríprints or surplus stok, if aé wur awér ov aér karakter, but dílurz jenurali hav matíriali injurd ae biznez, bai seliç aóz ov Östria, Östrian Itali, A'rijentain Konféd., Bavéria, Bergedorf, Bremen, Britiç Gaiana, Korientíz, Frenc Ripublik, Hamburg, Hanóyur, Hólstain, Itali, Lübék, Meklenburg, Módina, Néplz, Nétal, Párma, Pórtugal, Prúça, Ríunyun, Rómagna, Spén, Saksuni, Qleswig, Qleswig Hólstain, Sisili, Swídn, Tuskaní, Yúrugwé, Yunaited Stéts, Wurttemburg, etc. tu kolektorz on aér supozicjün dat aé wur orijinal stamps purçest at aé póst ofis.

Wí hav ourselvs bót and soild aíz stamps tu a lárj ekstent, and hav not ólwæz eksplénd aér karakter, but çal endevur in fúetur tu kól aem bai aér rait némj az far az wí kan asurtén, hwic is sumtaimz raçur difikult, and ae difurens in ríprints konsistiç ónli in ae kwoliti ov ae pépur, and slait çéd ov kulur, rikwairz kérful komparisun wiç aí orijinalz.

Qóz hú kolekt yázd stamps prinsipali, if propur kér iz tékn tu silekt gud spesimenz, wil wí aíñk diraiv grétrur satisfakçun; olaó ae tendensi ov komun stamps iz tu bikum cípur, raritiz ár konstantli advansiç

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The most important event in the coin trade for some time is the sale of the collection of the late Gov. Packer of Penna., which is to be a five days sale at Bangs Merwin & Co., commencing Feb. 27th. 1871. This is a very valuable collection of coins, especially in the American series, and has, kept Mr. Cogan, who will still continue the coin trade at 95 William st. busily employed for over a month. Those who want catalogues should apply to him at once.

A coin sale from Mason & Co., of Philadelphia mostly of American pieces, will be held at Leavitt & Streight & Co's., Feb. 16th. & 17th. 1871.

Our customers may apply to us for catalogues.

We give this month a price list of the letters of Presidents and Cabinet officers for sale by Mr. Collins, which we think will meet the wants of many collectors, and will be a useful guide to any who have autograph letters, both for rarity and value. Our next No. will contain Authors, Poets, and remainder of the Cabinets, and succeeding Nos. will comprise the remaining letters of importance in his collection.

We purchased a few days since, a silver coin with the inscription, "Massachusetts & California Co. Five D. 1849"; on the obverse is a shield containing a horseman with lasso, supported by a bear and reindeer, "Alta" in scroll surrounded by 13 stars. This coin is frequently found in alloy, and brings at auction from \$8 to \$5. Any one who knows of another in silver will greatly oblige us with the information.

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We have a large stock of Foreign revenue stamps, also of the various private firms of the U. S. To those who collect them we would recommend packet "Q." One of the most interesting of these stamps is that of the Orono Match Co., Orono, Maine, appropriately bearing a pine tree for its central device. Another is that of the Eureka Parlor Match Co., of Wilmington, Delaware, having an arm grasping a lighted torch.

We are obliged to abridge our coin department this month, but the results of the Fewsmith sale will occupy a good share of our next No. We have quite a variety of Curiosities, such as Indian axes, Continental bills, minerals &c. which we will notice in due time.

We are happy to state that notwithstanding the general depression of trade this winter, our subscription list is rapidly increasing. We have now about 200, and at the rate they are coming in shall probably double our list by the end of the year. We learn from new subscribers that they have difficulty in obtaining our address, those who receive our paper finding that most of our stamps can be sold at a profit, are not willing to part with the information. We hope that most of our patrons will not be so selfish, and we promise to reward our friends with lower prices.

We have received some compliments which are very encouraging. One correspondent writes: "Your stamps always give satisfaction, they are such good specimens."

Even our first page we hear from those who have taken little trouble to read it, is found quite interesting, and as phonetics, or spelling by sound, is now very generally taught in the schools, no study could be more beneficial, besides this, a page contains about one third more reading. We do not pretend to have brought the science to perfection, last month we had the critics down on us for misspelling connoisseur, which is pronounced konosur in English and konosur by the French.

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